



Public Inquiry Respecting the Treatment, Experiences and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System

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IN HONOUR OF NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

ST. JOHN'S (September 30, 2022) – The Commissioners, Judge James Igloliorte, Anastasia Qupee and Dr. Mike Devine, of the Inquiry Respecting the Treatment, Experiences and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System wish to acknowledge Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The Commissioners recognize the direct and intergenerational impacts that colonization, forced settlement, and racism have had on the Innu of Labrador, and hope that the Inquiry may help support healing for individuals, families and the communities in sharing their truths and experiences with the child protection system. Truth is an essential first step on the path to reconciliation.

The Commissioners will look into the treatment, experiences and outcomes of Innu impacted by the child protection system. The Commissioners know that there has been a lot of hurt, and that sharing these stories, with appropriate supports in place, can be an important part of healing.

The Commissioners are committed to a process of truth gathering that acknowledges the harms suffered, affirms the dignity of all those impacted, promotes healing, and contributes to a positive path forward towards self-determination.

This truth sharing will be difficult and may bring out a flood of emotions. Together with Sheshatshiu Innu First Nation, Mushuau Innu First Nation and Innu Round Table Secretariat, the Commissioners are working to ensure that wrap around healing services are available to all those who participate in the Inquiry. Information about how to participate will be shared soon.

This conversation may be triggering. If you need support now, please contact:

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Mental Health & Addictions Counselling
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